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SUBJECT: CHINA HIGHLIGHTS, NO. 22

1. CHINESE LEADERSHIP A TRIUMVIRATE AND A COLLECTIVE
WITH THE MEDIA SINGLING OUT CHINA'S THREE TOP LEADERS -
HUA KUO-FENG, YEH CHIEN-YING, AND TENG HSIAO-PING - FOR
SPECIAL ATTENTION, THE RECENT ARMY DAY CELEBRATIONS (SEE
BELOW) ARE ALSO DEMONSTRATING THAT THE LEADERSHIP BELOW
THEM IS A COLLECTIVE ONE. HUA AND YEH HAD THE PRIMARY
ROLES AT THE PLA CELEBRATIONS WITH YEH TAKING THE CHIEF
SPEAKING ROLE. HOWEVER, IT WAS TENG WHO PRE-EMPTED THEM
BOTH BY TURNING OUT THE DAY BEFORE THE MAIN PLA
CELEBRATIONS TO A CHEERING CROWD OF FANS AT A SOCCER
MATCH. THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP GROUP OUTSIDE THE
POLITBURO INCLUDES KEY NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS
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VICE CHARMEN, VICE PREMIERS AND MILITARY COMMISSION
LEADER SU YU. MOST NOTABLE, HOWEVER, FROM THE STATE
OF CURRENT POLITICS, PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HSI-
LIEN HAS BEEN OUT IN INNER MONGOLIA CELEBRATING THE
"AUTONOMOUS REGION'S" THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY. WHILE IT
IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT HIS ABSENCE IS
SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF HIS OWN FUTURE,

THE HISTORICAL RECORD WILL STAND THAT CHEN WAS NOT PRESENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLA'S MOST IMPORTANT CELEBRATION TO DATE.

2. 50TH ARMY DAY CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) PROVIDED MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRC MEDIA TO FOCUS ON THE NEW TRIUMVIRATE OF HUA, YEH AND TENG. VICE CHAIRMAN /DEFENSE MINISTER YEH, THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE "GRAND RALLY" ON JULY 31 AND BANQUET ON AUGUST 1, STRESSED THE IMMORTALITY OF MAO'S MILITARY THEORIES AND MAO'S CONCEPT OF PARTY CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY. A JOINT EDITORIAL MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ACCELERATED MODERNIZATION OF THE ARMY. THE ARMY'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ARMY WRITERS TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE HISTORICAL ROLE PLAYED BY "PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARIES OF THE OLDER GENERATION." ARTICLES BY THE PLA GENERAL STAFF'S "THEORETICAL GROUP" AND OTHER AUTHORS ON THE NANCHANG AUTUMN HARVEST AND CANTON UPRISINGS GAVE BALANCED CREDIT TO MAO, CHOU EN-LAI, CHU TEH AND OTHER HEROES FOR THEIR ROLES IN THE CHINESE REVOLUTION. ON ARMY DAY THE MEMORIAL HALL IN NANCHANG, WHERE THE "FIRST SHOT AGAINST THE KUOMINTANG"

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WAS FIRED ON AUGUST 1, 1927, WAS REOPENED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, WHEN IT WAS ATTACKED FOR DIMINISHING MAO'S ROLE. AND, A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY WAS HELD IN NANCHANG FOR AN "AUGUST FIRST MEMORIAL UPRISING TOWER." IN NORTHERN KIANGSI, ANOTHER MUSEUM CLOSED DURING THE CR, A MEMORIAL HALL FOR THE 1948 HUAI-HAI CAMPAIGN, ALSO WAS REOPENED IN A CEREMONY ATTENDED BY TWO MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS. THE PRINCIPAL PARTY LEADER OF THE HUAI-HAI CAMPAIGN WAS TENG HSIAO-PING.

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